

REPORT
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR
AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021



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(STATE OF LOUISIANA)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
Chalmette, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business type activities of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the District), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business type activities of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.



To the Board of Commissioners
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
December 29, 2022

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



To the Board of Commissioners
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
December 29, 2022

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the agency head and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



To the Board of Commissioners
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
December 29, 2022

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 29, 2022, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

December 29, 2022
New Orleans, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2022. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read this document in conjunction with the information contained in the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's financial statements, which begin on page 10.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's assets and deferred outflows exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at June 30, 2022 by \$80,058,054, which represents an increase from last fiscal year of \$9,312,701 or 13.16%.
- ★ The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's intergovernmental revenues increased \$4,901,950 or 60.92% as a result of an increase in federal grants received and the net loss from operations decreased by \$644,964 or 11.83%.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements present information for the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District as a whole, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The statements in this section include the Statements of Net Position; the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position; and the Statements of Cash Flows.

The Statements of Net Position present the current and long-term portions of assets and liabilities separately. The difference between total assets and total liabilities is net position and may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District is improving or deteriorating.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position present information showing how the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's assets changed as a result of current year operations. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net position are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, there are transactions included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

The Statements of Cash Flows presents information showing how the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's cash changed as a result of current year operations. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method and includes the reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities (indirect method) as required by GASB 34.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY

Condensed Statements of Net Position
As of June 30, 2022 and 2021
(in thousands)

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current and other assets | \$ 30,724 | \$ 9,534 |
| Net capital assets | 95,370 | 85,807 |
| Total assets | <u>126,094</u> | <u>95,340</u> |
| Deferred outflows of resources | <u>1,292</u> | <u>1,732</u> |
| Current liabilities | 3,833 | 3,225 |
| Long-term obligations | 27,611 | 22,558 |
| Total liabilities | <u>31,444</u> | <u>25,783</u> |
| Deferred inflows of resources | <u>15,884</u> | <u>544</u> |
| Net position: | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 74,637 | 71,361 |
| Restricted | 7,565 | 2,833 |
| Unrestricted | (2,145) | (3,450) |
| Total net position | <u>\$ 80,058</u> | <u>\$ 70,745</u> |

Restricted net assets represent those assets that are not available for spending as a result of legislative requirements, loan agreements, or other requirements. Conversely, unrestricted net assets are those that do not have any limitations on what these amounts may be used for.

Net position of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District increased by \$9,312,701 or 13.16%, during the year ended June 30, 2022. The increase was primarily due to the loss on disposal of the Violet Dock property in the prior year as further detailed in Note 12.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY (Continued)

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net
For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021
(in thousands)

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Operating revenues | \$ 5,733 | \$ 4,940 |
| Operating expenses | <u>(10,539)</u> | <u>(10,390)</u> |
| Operating loss | (4,806) | (5,450) |
| Non-operating revenues | 1,171 | (16,496) |
| Capital contributions | <u>12,947</u> | <u>8,046</u> |
| Net decrease in fund position | 9,313 | (13,901) |
| Net position - beginning of year | <u>70,745</u> | <u>84,646</u> |
| Net position - end of year | <u><u>\$ 80,058</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 70,745</u></u> |

The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's total operating revenues increased \$792,570 or 16.04%. The total operating expenses increased by \$147,606 or 1.42%. Operating revenues increased primarily due to increased lease revenue. Operating expenses increase was insignificant.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2022, the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District had net capital assets of \$95,370,192, net of accumulated depreciation of \$83,413,774, including land, buildings and improvements, dock, barge and marina facilities, furniture and equipment, and construction in progress. This amount represents a net increase of \$9,563,659, which was primarily attributable to current year construction in progress.

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CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Capital Assets at June 30, 2022 and 2021
 (Net of Depreciation, in thousands)

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Land | \$ 14,454 | \$ 14,454 |
| Dock and barge facilities | 32,792 | 35,480 |
| Buildings and improvements | 24,791 | 21,790 |
| Furniture and equipment | 134 | 125 |
| Construction in progress | 23,199 | 13,958 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 95,370</u> | <u>\$ 85,807</u> |

Loans Payable

The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District had \$19,100,000 in bonds payable outstanding at June 30, 2022, compared to \$12,805,000 last year, an increase of \$6,295,000 or 49.16%. The increase is a result of the 2022 series bonds issued less principal payments made during the year.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's appointed officials considered the following factors and indicators when setting next year's budget, rates, and fees. These factors and indicators include:

- The District's industrial park is currently at 95% occupancy of its developed rental portfolio and all major facilities are leased. The District's marine facility has a 100% occupancy rate.
- The new Chalmette Terminal Warehouse was completed in April, 2022. This new addition enhances the Port's operational cash flow and furthers its mission in local job creation and local economic infusion.
- The District had 402 ship calls and handled 9.8 million tons of cargo in FY 2022.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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CONTACTING THE ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's finances and to show the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Drew Heaphy, Executive Director, P. O. Box 1331, Chalmette, Louisiana 70044.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>ASSETS:</u> | | |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u> | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 3,212,959 | \$ 3,944,139 |
| Accounts receivable | 120,779 | 148,328 |
| Prepaid expenses | 828,610 | 604,786 |
| Due from other governmental units | 2,884,169 | 2,002,675 |
| Lease receivables | 2,573,215 | - |
| Total current assets | <u>9,619,732</u> | <u>6,699,928</u> |
| <u>RESTRICTED ASSETS:</u> | | |
| Cash - employee savings | 15,142 | 15,142 |
| Cash equivalents - construction and loan payments | 7,549,439 | 2,818,567 |
| Total restricted assets | <u>7,564,581</u> | <u>2,833,709</u> |
| <u>NONCURRENT ASSETS:</u> | | |
| Lease assets | 1,323,054 | - |
| Lease receivables net of current portion | 12,216,886 | - |
| | <u>13,539,940</u> | <u>-</u> |
| <u>CAPITAL ASSETS:</u> | | |
| Land | 14,454,102 | 14,454,102 |
| Dock and barge facilities | 84,058,071 | 83,756,034 |
| Buildings and improvements | 54,324,164 | 49,580,142 |
| Furniture and equipment | 2,749,108 | 2,757,858 |
| | <u>155,585,445</u> | <u>150,548,136</u> |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 83,413,774 | 78,699,800 |
| | <u>72,171,671</u> | <u>71,848,336</u> |
| Construction in progress | <u>23,198,521</u> | <u>13,958,197</u> |
| Net capital assets | <u>95,370,192</u> | <u>85,806,533</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>126,094,445</u> | <u>95,340,170</u> |
| <u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u> | | |
| Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions | 773,776 | 1,424,256 |
| Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB | 518,150 | 307,369 |
| TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS | <u>1,291,926</u> | <u>1,731,625</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS | <u>\$ 127,386,371</u> | <u>\$ 97,071,795</u> |

See accompanying notes.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
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 STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>LIABILITIES:</u> | | |
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u> | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 956,284 | \$ 2,389,404 |
| Due to employees - savings | 15,142 | 15,142 |
| Accrued interest payable | 106,444 | 106,444 |
| Lease liability | 113,145 | - |
| Note payable - current | 1,631,737 | 8,520 |
| Bonds payable - current | 1,010,000 | 705,000 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>3,832,752</u> | <u>3,224,510</u> |
| <u>LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS:</u> | | |
| Compensated absences | 429,656 | 406,602 |
| Deferred rent payable | 810,000 | 270,000 |
| Note payable - noncurrent | - | 1,631,737 |
| Lease liability net of current portion | 1,209,909 | - |
| Bonds payable - noncurrent | 18,090,000 | 12,100,000 |
| Other postemployment benefits | 3,341,010 | 2,832,060 |
| Net pension liability | 3,730,870 | 5,317,791 |
| Total long-term obligations | <u>27,611,445</u> | <u>22,558,190</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>31,444,197</u> | <u>25,782,700</u> |
| <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u> | | |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions | 911,686 | 221,094 |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB | 182,333 | 322,648 |
| Deferred leases | 14,790,101 | - |
| Total deferred inflows of resources | <u>15,884,120</u> | <u>543,742</u> |
| <u>NET POSITION:</u> | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 74,638,455 | 71,361,276 |
| Restricted for: | | |
| Debt service | 7,549,439 | 2,818,567 |
| Other purposes | 15,142 | 15,142 |
| Unrestricted | <u>(2,144,982)</u> | <u>(3,449,632)</u> |
| Total net position | <u>80,058,054</u> | <u>70,745,353</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION | <u>\$ 127,386,371</u> | <u>\$ 97,071,795</u> |

See accompanying notes.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>OPERATING REVENUES:</u> | | |
| Lease revenues | \$ 5,425,370 | \$ 4,791,344 |
| Other fees and permits | <u>307,675</u> | <u>149,131</u> |
| Total operating revenues | <u>5,733,045</u> | <u>4,940,475</u> |
| <u>OPERATING EXPENSES:</u> | | |
| Personal services | 2,348,096 | 2,287,105 |
| Supplies and materials | 319,464 | 69,494 |
| Other services and charges | 2,242,224 | 1,772,659 |
| Promotion and marketing | 139,546 | 113,880 |
| Professional services | 782,555 | 1,061,668 |
| Depreciation | <u>4,706,666</u> | <u>5,086,139</u> |
| Total operating expenses | <u>10,538,551</u> | <u>10,390,945</u> |
| Operating loss | <u>(4,805,506)</u> | <u>(5,450,470)</u> |
| <u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</u> | | |
| Taxes - ad valorem | 1,502,595 | 1,568,330 |
| Loss on Violet Dock settlement | (16,529) | (17,565,070) |
| Interest earned | 21,020 | 3,962 |
| Interest expense on long-term debt | (362,556) | (374,262) |
| Debt issuance costs | (158,276) | - |
| Miscellaneous expense | (1,569,806) | (513,580) |
| Miscellaneous revenue | 1,675,316 | 414,594 |
| Intergovernmental revenues | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| Expropriation legal expenses | <u>(46,042)</u> | <u>(154,990)</u> |
| Total non-operating revenues (expenses) | <u>1,170,722</u> | <u>(16,496,016)</u> |
| <u>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</u> | | |
| Intergovernmental revenues | <u>12,947,485</u> | <u>8,045,535</u> |
| Change in fund net position | 9,312,701 | (13,900,951) |
| Net position - Beginning of year | <u>70,745,353</u> | <u>84,646,304</u> |
| Net position - End of year | <u>\$ 80,058,054</u> | <u>\$ 70,745,353</u> |

See accompanying notes.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u> | | |
| Cash received for services | \$ 5,760,594 | \$ 4,561,798 |
| Cash paid for goods and services | (4,600,733) | (838,790) |
| Payments for salaries and related expenses | <u>(2,413,037)</u> | <u>(2,065,297)</u> |
| Net cash provided (used by) by operating activities | <u>(1,253,176)</u> | <u>1,657,711</u> |
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</u> | | |
| Ad valorem tax receipts | 1,496,954 | 1,564,452 |
| Expropriation legal fees | (46,042) | (154,990) |
| State revenue sharing | <u>125,000</u> | <u>125,000</u> |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities | <u>1,575,912</u> | <u>1,534,462</u> |
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</u> | | |
| Federal and state funds | 12,071,632 | 6,046,738 |
| Grant administrative expenses | (1,569,806) | (513,580) |
| Debt issuance costs | (158,276) | - |
| Interest paid on loans | (362,556) | (379,962) |
| Proceeds from loans | 7,000,000 | - |
| Principal payments on loans | (713,520) | (698,310) |
| Proceeds from insurance | 1,675,316 | 414,594 |
| Purchases of capital assets | <u>(14,286,854)</u> | <u>(12,461,512)</u> |
| Net cash provided (used by) capital and related financing activities | <u>3,655,936</u> | <u>(7,592,032)</u> |
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</u> | | |
| Interest earned | <u>21,020</u> | <u>3,962</u> |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | <u>21,020</u> | <u>3,962</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 3,999,692 | (4,395,897) |
| Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year | <u>6,777,848</u> | <u>11,173,745</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents - end of year | <u><u>\$ 10,777,540</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 6,777,848</u></u> |

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u> | | |
| Operating loss | \$ (4,805,506) | \$ (5,450,470) |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation expense | 4,706,666 | 5,086,139 |
| Amortization of lease abatement and prepaid rent | - | (343,630) |
| Changes in net assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 27,549 | (35,047) |
| Prepaid expenses | (223,824) | (109,101) |
| Lease asset | (1,323,054) | - |
| Lease receivables | (14,790,101) | - |
| Accounts payable | (1,433,120) | 2,018,012 |
| Compensated absences | 23,054 | 26,254 |
| Deferred rent payable | 540,000 | 270,000 |
| Change in lease liability | 1,323,054 | - |
| Change in net pension liability | (1,586,921) | 605,120 |
| Change in pension deferred inflows/outflows | 1,341,072 | (478,209) |
| Change in OPEB deferred inflows/outflows | (351,096) | (148,186) |
| Change in lease deferred inflows/outflows | 14,790,101 | - |
| Change in OPEB liability | <u>508,950</u> | <u>216,829</u> |
| Net cash provided (used by) operating activities | <u>\$ (1,253,176)</u> | <u>\$ 1,657,711</u> |
| <u>RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS:</u> | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents - current assets | \$ 3,212,959 | \$ 3,944,139 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - restricted assets | <u>7,564,581</u> | <u>2,833,709</u> |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 10,777,540</u> | <u>\$ 6,777,848</u> |

See accompanying notes.

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NATURE OF OPERATIONS:

The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the District) was created as a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Louisiana under Louisiana Revised Statute 34:1701-1714. The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the Legislative delegation from St. Bernard Parish. The Board has the power to regulate the commerce and traffic of the District in such a manner as may be best for the public interest; and it is empowered to own and have charge of, to administer, construct, operate, and maintain wharves, warehouses, landings, docks, sheds, belt and connection railroads, shipways, canals, channels, slips, basins, locks, elevators, and other structures and facilities necessary and proper for the use and development of the business of the District.

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting principles and reporting standards.

Proprietary fund financial statements include a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position; and a statement of cash flows.

Proprietary funds are accounted for using the “economic resources” measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities (whether current or noncurrent), and deferred inflows of resources are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Reporting Entity:

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 as amended by GASB 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus, an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, has established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity and other reporting relationships. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. The criteria include:

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1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)**

1. Appointment of a voting majority of the governing board
 - a. The ability of the reporting entity to impose its will on the organization
 - b. The potential of the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the reporting entity
2. Organizations which are fiscally dependent
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship

The District is considered a related organization of the State of Louisiana. Although the Governor appoints the governing board, the state does not have a financial benefit or burden relationship with the District. Because the state does not have financial accountability for the District, the District is excluded from the reporting entity of the state. The nature of the state's relationship with the District is disclosed in the state's audited financial statements.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits and money market funds.

Accounts Receivable:

The District uses the direct write-off method to remove uncollectible accounts receivable. This method approximates the allowance method required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Capital Assets:

All purchased capital assets are valued at cost. Depreciation of these assets is computed on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

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1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)**

Restricted Assets:

Certain cash and cash equivalents to be used for planned construction and for the repayment of loans payable are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because their use is limited by applicable loan covenants.

Cash held for employee savings is restricted until the cash is remitted to the employee.

Compensated Absences:

Accumulated vacation and sick leave is accrued as an expense of the period in which incurred. Administrative employees earn from 12 to 24 days of vacation and sick leave each year depending on length of service with the District. Accumulation of vacation leave is limited to 60 days per employee. Accumulation of sick leave is limited to 25 days per employee. Upon termination of employment, unused vacation and sick leave will be paid to employees at the employee's current rate of pay.

Revenues and Expenses:

Operating revenues and expenses consist of those revenues and expenses that result from the ongoing principal operations of the District. Operating revenues primarily consist of lease revenues including the leasing of land and improvements under cancelable operating leases. The leases are accounted for using the operating method whereby the amount of revenue recognized in each accounting period is equivalent to the amount of rent receivable according to the provisions of the lease. Improvements to the District's facilities paid for by lessees are recorded at fair value as they are made and are as reported as increases to capital assets and deferred inflows of resources. The revenue is recognized over the terms of the operating leases. Non-operating revenues and expenses consist of those revenues and expenses that are related to financing and investing types of activities and result from non-exchange transactions. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, restricted resources are applied first.

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1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)**

Pensions:

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position of the defined benefit pension plans in which the District participates have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the respective defined benefit pension plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources:

In addition to assets, the Statements of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources that represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category, which are amounts related to pensions and amounts related to other postemployment benefits.

In addition to liabilities, the Statements of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources that represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has three items that meet the criterion for this category, deferred amounts related to unearned income, deferred amounts related to pensions, and deferred amounts related to other postemployment benefits.

Newly Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

For 2022, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, Leases. GASB Statement No. 87 enhances the relevance and consistency of information of the government's leasing activities. It establishes requirements for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. A lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right to use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. These changes were incorporated in the District's financial statements and had no effect on the beginning net position of the District. The District recognized \$14,790,101 in lease receivables for its conveyance of control of nonfinancial assets to lessors and a corresponding \$14,790,101 in deferred inflows of resources. The District also recognized \$1,323,054 as an intangible right to use asset and corresponding \$1,323,054 in lease liability.

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2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the District has cash bank and book balances as follows:

| | <u>2022</u> | | <u>2021</u> | |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Bank Balance | Book Balance | Bank Balance | Book Balance |
| Demand deposits | \$ 21,239 | \$ 15,142 | \$ 21,057 | \$ 15,142 |
| Cash equivalents | 11,020,198 | 10,762,398 | 7,539,650 | 6,762,706 |
| | <u>\$ 11,041,437</u> | <u>\$ 10,777,540</u> | <u>\$ 7,560,707</u> | <u>\$ 6,777,848</u> |

Custodial credit risk is risk, that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits might not be returned to it. At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the District's demand deposits (bank balances) were fully insured.

All cash equivalents are carried at fair value. The following is a detail of the cash equivalents at June 30, 2022 and 2021:

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| Government pooled investments - held by the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) in the name of the District | \$ 1,002,239 | \$ 307,853 |
| Federated Investors Government Obligations Money Market Fund - held by an agent of Gulf Coast Bank in the name of the bank | 9,760,094 | 4,288,335 |
| Restricted U.S. Treasury money market funds managed by the trustee and held by the trustee in the name of the District | <u>65</u> | <u>2,166,518</u> |
| Total cash equivalents | <u>\$ 10,762,398</u> | <u>\$ 6,762,706</u> |

Concentration of credit risk relates to the amount of investments in any one entity. At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the District had no cash equivalents invested in any one entity which exceeded 5% of total cash equivalents, except for the above money market funds.

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Statutes authorize the District to invest in direct United States Treasury obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the government of the United States; bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies, provided such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America; bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government instrumentalities, which are federally sponsored; mutual or trust fund institutions which are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Act of 1940, and which have underlying investments consisting solely of and limited to securities of the United States or its agencies; and certain guaranteed investment contracts.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having been contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955. LAMP is rated AAA by Standard & Poor's.

3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES AND RECEIVABLES:

Intergovernmental revenues for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 consisted of the following:

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Non-operating: | | |
| State of Louisiana revenue sharing | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 |
| Capital contributions: | | |
| State and federal grants | <u>12,947,485</u> | <u>8,045,535</u> |
| Total intergovernmental revenues | <u><u>\$ 13,072,485</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 8,170,535</u></u> |

Amounts due from other governmental units consisted of the following at June 30, 2022 and 2021:

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Federal Emergency Management Agency | \$ 72,675 | \$ 28,563 |
| State of Louisiana | 1,611,494 | 803,497 |
| MARAD | 1,190,481 | 1,076,997 |
| Delta Regional | - | 89,740 |
| St. Bernard Parish Tax Collector | <u>9,519</u> | <u>3,878</u> |
| Total intergovernmental receivables | <u><u>\$ 2,884,169</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 2,002,675</u></u> |

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4. CAPITAL ASSETS:

A summary of changes in capital assets and depreciation for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

| | Balance | | | Balance |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>2022</u> | <u>June 30, 2021</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Retirements</u> | <u>June 30, 2022</u> |
| Land | \$ 14,454,102 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 14,454,102 |
| Dock and barge facilities | 83,756,034 | 551,337 | (249,300) | 84,058,071 |
| Buildings and improvements | 49,580,142 | 4,744,022 | - | 54,324,164 |
| Furniture and equipment | 2,757,858 | 63,872 | (72,622) | 2,749,108 |
| Construction in progress | 13,958,197 | 14,183,342 | (4,943,018) | 23,198,521 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 164,506,333</u> | <u>\$ 19,542,573</u> | <u>\$ (5,264,940)</u> | <u>\$ 178,783,966</u> |

| | Accumulated Depreciation Balance | | | Accumulated Depreciation Balance |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| <u>2022</u> | <u>June 30, 2021</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Retirements</u> | <u>June 30, 2022</u> |
| Dock and barge facilities | \$ 48,276,473 | \$ 3,222,766 | \$ (233,332) | \$ 51,265,907 |
| Buildings and improvements | 27,790,486 | 1,742,590 | - | 29,533,076 |
| Furniture and equipment | 2,632,841 | 53,511 | (71,561) | 2,614,791 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 78,699,800</u> | <u>\$ 5,018,867</u> | <u>\$ (304,893)</u> | <u>\$ 83,413,774</u> |

| | Balance | | | Balance |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>2021</u> | <u>June 30, 2020</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Retirements</u> | <u>June 30, 2021</u> |
| Land | \$ 18,733,418 | \$ 3,000,000 | \$ (7,279,316) | \$ 14,454,102 |
| Dock and barge facilities | 96,501,122 | 69,110 | (12,814,198) | 83,756,034 |
| Buildings and improvements | 48,210,681 | 1,369,461 | - | 49,580,142 |
| Furniture and equipment | 3,336,534 | 52,377 | (631,053) | 2,757,858 |
| Construction in progress | 5,987,632 | 9,327,789 | (1,357,224) | 13,958,197 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 172,769,387</u> | <u>\$ 13,818,737</u> | <u>\$ (22,081,791)</u> | <u>\$ 164,506,333</u> |

| | Accumulated Depreciation Balance | | | Accumulated Depreciation Balance |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <u>2021</u> | <u>June 30, 2020</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Retirements</u> | <u>June 30, 2021</u> |
| Dock and barge facilities | \$ 47,566,004 | \$ 3,238,912 | \$ (2,528,443) | \$ 48,276,473 |
| Buildings and improvements | 26,037,889 | 1,752,597 | - | 27,790,486 |
| Furniture and equipment | 3,169,264 | 94,630 | (631,053) | 2,632,841 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 76,773,157</u> | <u>\$ 5,086,139</u> | <u>\$ (3,159,496)</u> | <u>\$ 78,699,800</u> |

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4. CAPITAL ASSETS: (Continued)

Depreciation expense amounted to \$4,706,666 and \$5,086,139 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

During the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, approximately \$12,000,000 of the dock and barge facilities balance and \$4,000,000 of the land balance was related to the expropriation of 71 acres of land and port facilities in Violet, Louisiana. The District was involved in legal proceedings following the expropriation. See Note 12 for further information.

5. GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS:

BONDS PAYABLE:

On May 1, 2022, the District entered into a loan agreement with the Louisiana Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the Authority). Under the agreement, the Authority issued \$7,000,000 of Series 2022 Tax-exempt Revenue Bonds and loaned the proceeds to the District. The bonds were issued to provide funds to enable the District to pay off prior existing debt and finance additional facilities and improvements.

Under the loan agreement with the Authority, the District is required to repay the loan by making the debt service payments, including principal, interest and reserve requirements for the Authority's three bond issues. The bonds have a stated interest rates of 3.68%. The bonds mature on March 1, 2042. Interest and principal is payable March 1st commencing March 1, 2023.

On January 22, 2020, the District entered into a loan agreement with the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the Authority). Under the agreement, the Authority issued \$2,870,000 of Series 2020A Refunding Bonds and \$4,185,000 of Series 2020B Refunding Bonds and \$6,895,000 of Series 2020C Tax-exempt Revenue Bonds and loaned the proceeds to the District. The 2020A, 2020B, and 2020C bonds were issued to provide funds to enable the District to pay off prior existing debt and finance additional facilities and improvements. The proceeds of the bonds were also used to pay off the outstanding debt of the District related to the 2014A, 2014B and 2010C loans from the Authority.

Under the loan agreement with the Authority, the District is required to repay the loan by making the debt service payments, including principal, interest and reserve requirements for the Authority's three bond issues. The 2020A and 2020B bonds have stated interest rates of 2.43% each and the 2020C bond has a stated interest rate of 2.58%. The bonds mature on March 1, 2034, March 31, 2034, and March 31, 2039, respectively. Interest and principal is payable March 1st and interest only is payable September 1st of each year, commencing March 1, 2020.

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5. GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS: (Continued)

BONDS PAYABLE: (Continued)

The following is a summary of loan payable transactions for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021:

| 2022 Description | Balance June 30, 2021 | Additions | Reductions | Balance June 30, 2022 | Due Within One Year |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 2020A | \$ 2,520,000 | \$ - | \$ (165,000) | \$ 2,355,000 | \$ 170,000 |
| 2020B | 3,675,000 | - | (245,000) | 3,430,000 | 250,000 |
| 2020C | 6,610,000 | - | (295,000) | 6,315,000 | 300,000 |
| 2022 | - | 7,000,000 | - | 7,000,000 | 290,000 |
| | <u>\$ 12,805,000</u> | <u>\$ 7,000,000</u> | <u>\$ (705,000)</u> | <u>\$ 19,100,000</u> | <u>\$ 1,010,000</u> |
| 2021 Description | Balance June 30, 2020 | Additions | Reductions | Balance June 30, 2021 | Due Within One Year |
| 2020A | \$ 2,685,000 | \$ - | \$ (165,000) | 2,520,000 | \$ 165,000 |
| 2020B | 3,915,000 | - | (240,000) | 3,675,000 | 245,000 |
| 2020C | 6,895,000 | - | (285,000) | 6,610,000 | 295,000 |
| | <u>\$ 13,495,000</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (690,000)</u> | <u>\$ 12,805,000</u> | <u>\$ 705,000</u> |

The annual principal and interest payments on the loans outstanding at June 30, 2022 are scheduled to occur as follows.

| Year Ended June 30 | Principal Payments | Interest Payments | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2023 | \$ 1,010,000 | \$ 511,014 | \$ 1,521,014 |
| 2024 | 990,000 | 532,485 | 1,522,485 |
| 2025 | 1,015,000 | 504,838 | 1,519,838 |
| 2026 | 1,045,000 | 476,451 | 1,521,451 |
| 2027 | 1,080,000 | 447,195 | 1,527,195 |
| 2028 - 2032 | 5,855,000 | 1,765,335 | 7,620,335 |
| 2033 - 2037 | 4,980,000 | 936,713 | 5,916,713 |
| 2038 - 2042 | 3,125,000 | 287,388 | 3,412,388 |
| | <u>\$ 19,100,000</u> | <u>\$ 5,461,419</u> | <u>\$ 24,561,419</u> |

Interest expense paid on the loans during the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, was \$321,076 and \$332,572, respectively.

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5. GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS: (Continued)

NOTE PAYABLE:

On February 28, 2020, the District entered into a loan agreement for the purchase of land in Chalmette, Louisiana in the amount of \$1,648,567. The loan is secured by the land and bears interest at an implicit rate of 2.5%. The loan matures on February 28, 2023. Interest expense for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 was \$41,480 and \$41,690, respectively. The annual principal and interest on the note payable are scheduled as follows:

| <u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30</u> | <u>Principal</u> <u>Payments</u> | <u>Interest</u> <u>Payments</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2023 | \$ 1,631,737 | \$ 41,264 | \$ 1,673,001 |
| | <u>\$ 1,631,737</u> | <u>\$ 41,264</u> | <u>\$ 1,673,001</u> |

OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS:

The following is a summary of changes in other long-term obligations for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021:

| <u>2022</u> | <u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2021</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Reductions</u> | <u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2022</u> | <u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u> |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Compensated absences | \$ 406,602 | \$ 23,054 | \$ - | \$ 429,656 | \$ - |
| | <u>\$ 406,602</u> | <u>\$ 23,054</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 429,656</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| <u>2021</u> | <u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2020</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Reductions</u> | <u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2021</u> | <u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u> |
| Compensated absences | \$ 380,348 | \$ 26,254 | \$ - | \$ 406,602 | \$ - |
| | <u>\$ 380,348</u> | <u>\$ 26,254</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 406,602</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

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6. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

Substantially all District employees become eligible for postemployment health care and life insurance benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. The benefits for retirees are similar benefits for active employees whose premiums are paid jointly by the employee and the District. Below is a schedule of active employees, entitled to future benefits, and retired employees, currently receiving benefits, for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021.

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Active employees | 29 | 28 |
| Retired employees | 6 | 7 |
| | <u>35</u> | <u>35</u> |

Plan Description:

The District's employees may participate in the State of Louisiana's Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (OPEB Plan), an agent multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB Plan that provides medical and life insurance to eligible active employees, retirees, and their beneficiaries. The state administers the plan through the Office of Group Benefits (OGB). LRS 42:801-883 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits. The Office of Group Benefits does not issue a publicly available financial report of the OPEB Plan; however, it is included in the State of Louisiana Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Benefits Provided:

The OPEB Plan provides benefits such as death benefits, life insurance, disability, and long-term care that are paid in the period after employment and that are provided separately from a pension plan, as well as healthcare benefits paid in the period after employment. The OPEB plan does not provide termination benefits or termination payments for sick leave.

Contributions:

The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by LRS 42:801-883. The OPEB Plan is currently funded on a pay-as-you-go basis through a combination of retiree and District contributions. Employees do not contribute to their postemployment benefits cost until they become retirees and begin receiving post-employment benefits. The retirees contribute to the cost of their postemployment benefits based on a service schedule. Contribution amounts vary depending on what healthcare provider is selected from the plan and if the member has Medicare coverage.

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6. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: (Continued)

Employee premiums for these benefits totaled \$22,381 and \$23,065 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Employer contributions to the OPEB Plan from the District were \$56,800 and \$57,168 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Employer contributions are based on plan premiums and the employer contribution percentage. This percentage is based on the date of participation in an OGB plan (before or after January 1, 2002) and employee years of service at retirement. Employees who began participation or rejoined the plan before January 1, 2002, pay approximately 25% of the cost of coverage (except single retirees under age 65 who pay approximately 25% of the active employee cost). For those beginning participation or rejoining on or after January 1, 2002, the percentage of premiums contributed by the employer is based on the following schedule:

| <u>OGB Participation</u> | <u>Retiree Share</u> | <u>State Share</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Under 10 years | 81% | 19% |
| 10-14 years | 62% | 38% |
| 15-19 years | 44% | 56% |
| 20+ years | 25% | 75% |

The District paid approximately 75% of health care premiums for all retirees.

In addition to healthcare benefits, retirees may elect to receive life insurance benefits. Basic and supplemental life insurance is available for the individual retiree and spouses of retirees, subject to maximum values. The retiree pays \$.54 monthly for each \$1,000 of life insurance. The retiree pays \$.98 monthly for each \$1,000 of spouse life insurance.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to OPEB:

At June 30, 2022, the District reported a total OPEB liability of \$3,341,010. The total OPEB liability was measured as of July 1, 2021 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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6. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to OPEB: (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$215,873. As of June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

| | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Changes in assumptions | \$ 260,646 | \$ 182,333 |
| Difference between expected and actual experience | 200,704 | - |
| Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date | 56,800 | - |
| Total | <u>\$ 518,150</u> | <u>\$ 182,333</u> |

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$56,800 will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense (benefit) as follows:

| Year Ended June 30 | Amount |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 2023 | \$ 57,436 |
| 2024 | 53,059 |
| 2025 | 102,200 |
| 2026 | 66,322 |
| | <u>\$279,017</u> |

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Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Inflation | 2.4% |
| Salary Increases | Consistent with the pension valuation assumptions |
| Investment Rate of Return | 2.18%, based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20-Year High Grade Rate Index |
| Healthcare Cost Trend | 7.00% - 4.5% |
| Mortality Rates | For healthy lives the RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Mortality Table, projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018. For existing disabled lives, the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, not projected with mortality improvement. |

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017. As a result of the 2017 actuarial experience study, the expectation of life after disability was adjusted in the July 1, 2017 actuarial valuation to more closely reflect actual experience.

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 2.18%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates. Based on this assumption and as the OPEB Plan is unfunded, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make all projected OPEB payments for current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a discount rate that reflects the 20-year tax-exempt municipal bond yield or index rate.

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was decreased to 2.18% in the July 1, 2021 valuation from 2.66% as of July 1, 2020. The discount rate in the current valuation reflects the S&P Municipal Bond 20-Year Index Rate.

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6. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: (Continued)

Sensitivity of the District's OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the District's total OPEB liability, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (1.18%) or 1% higher (3.18%) than the current discount rate:

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Discount rate | | | |
| District's total OPEB liability | <u>\$ 4,114,309</u> | <u>\$ 3,341,010</u> | <u>\$2,757,421</u> |

Sensitivity of the District's OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates:

The following presents the District's total OPEB liability, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower or 1% higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Healthcare cost | | | |
| District's total OPEB liability | <u>\$ 2,723,691</u> | <u>\$ 3,341,010</u> | <u>\$ 4,177,556</u> |

Payables to the OPEB Plan:

As of June 30, 2022, the District reported no payables for outstanding contributions to the OPEB plan required for the year then ended.

7. LEASE EXPENSE:

The District leases various equipment and property for use in its operations. Total lease expense for all leases during the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 was \$167,606, (including \$50,875 of interest) and \$170,527, respectively. The District reports lease assets on assets that convey control to the use of the District's nonfinancial assets and exist for a maximum term of greater than 12 months. The lease assets are recognized at the commencement of the lease at the present value of the lease payments expected to be paid during the lease period. Management has determined that a discount rate of 3.68% applies broadly to its leases. Lease payments are subject to CPI and fair market value adjustment, depending on the term of the lease and tenant renewal options. These variable payments are reflected in the lease liability when remeasurement occurs. Total lease assets amounted to \$1,323,054, net of accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2022.

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7. LEASE EXPENSE: (Continued)

Estimated future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2022:

| | <u>Present Value of Payments</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Future Minimum Payments</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2023 | \$ 113,145 | \$ 46,793 | \$ 159,938 |
| 2024 | 117,380 | 42,558 | 159,938 |
| 2025 | 121,774 | 38,164 | 159,938 |
| 2026 | 126,331 | 33,607 | 159,938 |
| 2027 | 131,059 | 28,879 | 159,938 |
| 2028 - 2032 | 418,231 | 90,050 | 508,281 |
| 2033 - 2037 | 295,134 | 19,866 | 315,000 |
| | <u>\$ 1,323,054</u> | <u>\$ 299,917</u> | <u>\$ 1,622,971</u> |

8. LEASE REVENUES:

The District leases property and buildings located at the Chalmette and Arabi terminals and other sites within St. Bernard Parish and dock and barge facilities located at the Chalmette Slip to various businesses. Current year rents amount to \$5,425,370, including \$922,247 of interest on long-term leases. The District reports lease receivables on leases that convey control to the use of the District's nonfinancial assets and exist for a maximum term of greater than 12 months. The lease receivables are recognized at the commencement of the lease term at the present value of the lease payments expected to be received during the lease period. Management has determined that a discount rate of 3.68% applies broadly to its leases. Lease payments are subject to CPI and fair market value adjustments, depending on the term of the lease and tenant renewal options. These variable payments are reflected in the lease receivable value when remeasurement occurs.

Future minimum payments to be received under these leases as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

| | <u>Present Value of Payments</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Future Minimum Payments</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2023 | \$ 2,573,215 | \$ 951,072 | \$ 3,524,287 |
| 2024 | 2,487,301 | 858,967 | 3,346,268 |
| 2025 | 2,575,059 | 765,370 | 3,340,429 |
| 2026 | 2,606,536 | 669,673 | 3,276,209 |
| 2027 | 2,704,617 | 571,591 | 3,276,208 |
| 2028 - 2032 | 721,504 | 115,496 | 837,000 |
| 2033 - 2037 | 452,107 | 33,893 | 486,000 |
| 2038 - 2042 | 669,762 | 18,738 | 688,500 |
| | <u>\$ 14,790,101</u> | <u>\$ 3,984,800</u> | <u>\$ 18,774,901</u> |

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8. LEASE REVENUES: (Continued)

The carrying value of leased property as of June 30, 2022 and 2021 was as follows:

| <u>2022</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Accumulated Depreciation</u> | <u>Carrying Value</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Land | \$ 14,454,102 | \$ - | \$ 14,454,102 |
| Dock and barge facilities | 84,058,071 | (51,265,907) | 32,792,164 |
| Buildings and improvements | 54,324,164 | (29,533,076) | 24,791,088 |
| | <u>\$ 152,836,337</u> | <u>\$ (80,798,983)</u> | <u>\$ 72,037,354</u> |

| <u>2021</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Accumulated Depreciation</u> | <u>Carrying Value</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Land | \$ 14,454,102 | \$ - | \$ 14,454,102 |
| Dock and barge facilities | 83,756,034 | (48,276,473) | 35,479,561 |
| Buildings and improvements | 49,580,142 | (27,790,486) | 21,789,656 |
| | <u>\$ 147,790,278</u> | <u>\$ (76,066,959)</u> | <u>\$ 71,723,319</u> |

The leased property is reported as capital assets on the accompanying statements of net position.

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9. AD VALOREM TAXES:

Property taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year and become delinquent on December 31. Property taxes are levied on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the District. Assessed values are established by the St. Bernard Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. The assessed value upon which the 2022 levy was based was \$465,275,236 with homestead exemptions of \$71,217,233. The assessed value upon which the 2021 levy was based was \$410,444,839 with homestead exemptions of \$69,333,820.

The District is permitted by Article 7, Section 23 of the 1974 Constitution and Act 228 of 1960 of the State of Louisiana to levy taxes up to \$5.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within the District to defray their administrative, operative, and maintenance expenditures. Taxes were levied to finance expenses at a rate of \$3.81 per \$1,000 for the 2022 and 2021 levies.

Ad valorem taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. Current tax collections for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 were 100.08% and 100.29%, respectively, of the tax levies.

As required by State of Louisiana statutes, prescribed deductions are made from the District's property tax receipts to cover contributions to various pension funds. The deductions for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 were \$46,441 and \$48,441, respectively.

10. PENSION PLANS:

Plan Descriptions:

Substantially all employees of the District are provided with pensions through cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) or Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). The authority to establish and amend the benefit terms of TRSL and LASERS was granted to the respective Board of Trustees and the Louisiana Legislature by Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. TRSL and LASERS each issues publicly available financial reports that can be obtained at www.trsl.org and www.lasersonline.org, respectively. All permanent employees, who meet the age requirements and who are paid wholly or in part from the District funds must be members of LASERS. However, employees who were previously members of other state retirement systems may continue to participate in that system in lieu of participating in LASERS. There were no employees participating in TRSL for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021.

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10. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided:

Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL):

TRSL provides retirement, deferred retirement option (DROP), disability, and survivor benefits through three membership plans. Retirement benefits are determined as 2 or 2.5% (Regular Plan), 3% (Plan A), or 2% (Plan B) of final average salary for each year of credited service. Final average salary is based upon the member's highest successive 36 months of salary for members hired prior to January 1, 2011 or 60 months of salary for members hired on or after January 1, 2011.

Employees hired prior to July 1, 1999 are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of accredited service or 20 years of creditable teaching service regardless of age. Employees hired on or after July 1, 1999 and prior to January 1, 2011 are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of accredited service, at age 55 with 25 years of accredited service, or at any age with 30 years of accredited service. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2011 are eligible to retire at age 60 with 5 years of accredited service or at any age with 20 years of service credit. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2015 are eligible to retire at age 62 with five years of accredited service or at any age with 20 years of service credit.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, an eligible member can begin participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) on the first retirement eligibility date for a period not to exceed three years. Delayed participation reduces the three year participation period. During participation, benefits otherwise payable are fixed, and deposited in an individual DROP account. Upon termination of DROP, the member can continue employment and earn additional accruals to be added to the fixed pre-DROP benefit. Upon termination of employment, the member is entitled to the fixed benefit, an additional benefit based on post-DROP service (if any), and the individual DROP account balance which can be paid in a lump sum or an additional annuity based upon the account balance.

Disability benefits for employees hired prior to January 1, 2011, and who have five or more years of credited services are eligible for disability retirement benefits. Disability benefits for employees hired on or after January 1, 2011 must have at least ten years of service to be eligible for a disability benefit. Calculation of the disability benefit as well as the availability of a minor child benefit is determined by the plan to which the member belongs and the date on which the member's first employment made them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system.

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10. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL): (Continued)

A surviving spouse with minor children of an active member with five years of creditable service (two years immediately prior to death) or 20 years of creditable service is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) 50% of the member's benefit calculated at the 2.5% accrual rate for all creditable service. When minor children are no longer eligible to receive survivor benefits, the spouse's benefit reverts to a survivor benefit in accordance with the provisions for a surviving spouse with no minor children. Benefits for the minor children cease when he/she is no longer eligible.

Each minor child (maximum of two) shall receive an amount equal to the greater of (a) 50% of the spouse's benefit, or (b) \$300 (up to two eligible children). Benefits to minors cease at attainment of age 21, marriage, or age 23 if enrolled in an approved institution of higher education.

A surviving spouse without minor children of an active member with 10 years of creditable service (two years immediately prior to death) or 20 years of creditable service is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) the Option 2 equivalent of the benefit calculated at the 2.5% benefit factor for all creditable service.

TRSL allows for the payment of ad hoc permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS):

LASERS provides retirement, deferred retirement option (DROP), disability, and survivor's benefits. The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. Employees hired prior to July 1, 2006 are eligible to retire at age 60 with 10 years of accredited service or 30 years of creditable service regardless of age. Employees hired between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2015 are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of accredited service. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2015 are eligible to retire at age 62 with five years of accredited service. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit.

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS): (Continued)

The basic annual retirement benefit for members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment.

The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member's age at retirement. Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1.0% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity.

Act 992 of the 2010 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, changed the benefit structure for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011. This resulted in three new plans: regular, hazardous duty, and judges. The new regular plan includes regular members and those members who were formerly eligible to participate in specialty plans, excluding hazardous duty and judges. Regular members and judges are eligible to retire at age 60 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Hazardous duty members are eligible to retire with 12 years of creditable service at age 55, 25 years of creditable service at any age or with a reduced benefit after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment for all three new plans. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, hazardous duty plan a 3.33% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate. The extra 1.0% accrual rate for each year of service for court officers, the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, House clerk, sergeants at arms, or Senate secretary, employed after January 1, 2011, was eliminated by Act 992. Specialty plan and regular members, hired prior to January 1, 2011, who are hazardous duty employees have the option to transition to the new hazardous duty plan.

The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked.

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS): (Continued)

For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of .5% less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account. Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of .5% less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

Active members with ten or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age. Upon reaching age 60, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees.

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased regular member hired before January 1, 2011 who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is 10 years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

LASERS allows for the payment of ad hoc permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Contributions:

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL):

Employer contribution requirements of active employees are established annually under Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LA R.S. 11:101-11:104) by the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee (PRSAC). The District's employees participating in TRSL were included in the Regular Plan. Members are required by state statute to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salaries and the District is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rates for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 was 25.2% and 25.8% of annual covered payroll, respectively. The District's contributions paid to TRSL for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 were \$-0- and \$-0-, respectively.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS):

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LA R.S. 11:101-11:104) by the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee (PRSAC). Substantially all of the District's employees participating in LASERS are included in the Regular Plan. Members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5% of their annual covered salaries if hired before July 1, 2006 (closed plan) and 8.0% of their annual covered salaries if hired after July 1, 2006, and the District is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rates for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 was 39.5% and 40.1% of annual covered payroll, respectively. The District's contributions paid to LASERS for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 were \$511,097 and \$551,975, respectively.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

At June 30, 2022, the District reported a liability for its participation in TRSL and LASERS of \$-0- and \$3,730,870, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of each System. At June 30, 2021, the District reported a liability for its participation in TRSL and LASERS of \$-0- and \$5,317,791, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of each System. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of those dates. The District's proportion of the net

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pension liability for TRSL and LASERS was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At the June 30, 2021 measurement date, the District's proportion in TRSL and LASERS was 0.00000%, and 0.06779%, respectively, which was a change of approximately 0.00% and an increase of 0.00349%, respectively, from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized pension benefit for its participation in TRSL of \$121,926 and pension expense for its participation in LASERS of \$261,561. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension benefit for its participation in TRSL of \$119,528 and pension expense for its participation in LASERS of \$387,175.

At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources for its participation in TRSL:

| | <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ - | \$ - |
| Changes of assumptions | - | - |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | - | - |
| Changes in proportion and differences between employer and non-employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions | - | - |
| Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date | - | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | \$ <u>-</u> | \$ <u>-</u> |

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At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources for its participation in TRSL:

| | <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ - | \$ - |
| Changes of assumptions | - | - |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | - | - |
| Changes in proportion and differences between employer and non-employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions | - | 121,926 |
| Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date | - | - |
| Total | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 121,926</u> |

At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources for its participation in LASERS:

| | <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> |
|---|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ 3,685 | \$ - |
| Changes of assumptions | 91,384 | - |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | - | 870,052 |
| Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 167,610 | 41,634 |
| Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date | 511,097 | - |
| Total | <u>\$ 773,776</u> | <u>\$ 911,686</u> |

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At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources for its participation in LASERS:

| | <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> |
|---|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ - | \$ 51,070 |
| Changes of assumptions | 17,015 | - |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | 777,359 | - |
| Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 77,907 | 48,098 |
| Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date | <u>551,975</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 1,424,256</u> | <u>\$ 99,168</u> |

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date for TRSL and LASERS of \$-0- and \$511,097, respectively, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (benefit) as follows:

| Year ended June 30 | |
|--------------------|------------|
| 2023 | \$ (3,873) |
| 2024 | (60,140) |
| 2025 | (197,668) |
| 2026 | (387,326) |

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Actuarial Assumptions:

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuations for TRSL and LASERS was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

| Actuarial Assumptions: | <u>TRSL</u> | <u>LASERS</u> |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Inflation | 2.50% | 2.30% |
| Salary Increases | 3.3% - 4.8% | 2.6% - 13.8% |
| Investment Rate of Return | 7.40% | 7.40% |
| Dates of Experience Study | 2012-2017 | 2014-2018 |
| Mortality Rates | RP-2014 Mortality Tables adjusted from 2014-2018 using the MP-2017 generational improvement table | RP-2014 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected to 2018 RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with no projection for mortality improvement |

The long-term expected rates of return on pension plan investments of TRSL and LASERS were determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The target allocation and expected real rates of return of TRSL and LASERS for each major asset class as of the June 30, 2021 measurement date are summarized in the following tables:

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Actuarial Assumptions: (Continued)

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL):

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Target Allocation</u> | <u>Long-Term Expected Real Rates of Return (Arithmetic)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Domestic Fixed Income | 13.0% | 1.69% |
| International Fixed Income | 5.5 | 2.10 |
| Domestic Equity | 27.0 | 4.60 |
| International Equity | 19.0 | 5.70 |
| Private Equity | 25.5 | 8.67 |
| Other Private Assets | <u>10.0</u> | <u>3.65</u> |
| Total | <u>100.0%</u> | |

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS):

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Target Allocation</u> | <u>Long-Term Expected Real Rates of Return (Geometric)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Cash | 0.0% | -0.29% |
| Domestic Equity | 31.0 | 4.09 |
| International Equity | 23.0 | 5.12 |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 3.0 | 0.49 |
| International Fixed Income | 18.0 | 3.94 |
| Alternative Investments | <u>24.0</u> | <u>6.93</u> |
| Total | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>5.81%</u> |

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability of TRSL and LASERS was 7.40%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions from participating employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability of TRSL and LASERS as of June 30, 2022 and 2021 using the current discount rate of 7.40% and 7.55%, respectively, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate:

| | | District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability | | |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | 1.00% Decrease 6.40% | Current Discount Rate 7.40% | 1.00% Increase 8.40% |
| <u>June 30, 2022</u> | | | | |
| Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System | | \$ 5,055,047 | \$ 3,730,870 | \$ 2,604,162 |

| | | District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability | | |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | 1.00% Decrease 6.55% | Current Discount Rate 7.55% | 1.00% Increase 8.55% |
| <u>June 30, 2021</u> | | | | |
| Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System | | \$ 6,543,738 | \$ 5,317,791 | \$ 4,285,078 |

Support of Non-employer Contributing Entities:

Contributions received by a pension plan from non-employer contributing entities that are not in a special funding situation are recorded as revenue by the respective pension plan. The District recognizes revenue in an amount equal to their proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension plan from these non-employer contributing entities. During the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, the District recognized no revenue as a result of support received from non-employer contributing entities for its participation in TRSL. LASERS does not receive support from non-employer contributing entities and as a result no revenue was recorded for the participation in LASERS for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021.

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Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

Detailed information about the pension plans fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial reports for TRSL and LASERS.

11. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN:

The Louisiana Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plan) was adopted by the Louisiana Deferred Compensation Commission effective September 15, 1982. The Plan was established in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:1301 through 42:1308 and section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, for the purpose of providing supplemental retirement income to employees by permitting them to defer a portion of compensation to be invested and distributed in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

All compensation deferred under the Plan, all property and rights purchased with such amounts, and all income attributable to such amounts, property or rights, shall be held for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries.

The maximum amount of compensation which may be deferred during a calendar year shall not exceed \$20,500 and \$19,500 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

The District makes contributions to the Plan on behalf of each employee based on the following schedule:

| <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Monthly Contribution</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0-2 | \$ 30 |
| 3-5 | 60 |
| 6-9 | 90 |
| 10-14 | 120 |
| 15 and over | 150 |

Contributions to the Plan by employees totaled \$104,701 and \$106,944 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Contributions to the Plan by the District totaled \$42,108 and \$45,303 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

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The District was involved in legal proceedings following its expropriation of approximately 71 acres of land for expansion of port services. The previous landowner (Violet Dock) contested the expropriation. A district court judge upheld the District's expropriation of the property during a bench trial on February 1, 2012. The District has deposited \$16,000,000 into the registry of the court as part of its petition for expropriation. The District seeks a reduction of this amount for debris removal and environmental and other issues. The previous owner contends that it is entitled to \$66,000,000 in damages for the full extent of its losses related to the expropriation.

Both parties timely filed a notice of appeal of the District Court's decision to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal. Violet Dock asked the Court to reverse the public purpose determination and return the Property to it. Alternatively, Violet Dock asked that the appellate court increase the award of fair market value. On December 14, 2016, the Fourth Circuit issued its opinion and affirmed the District Court's holdings in all respects - the Port's public purpose for taking the Property and the \$16,000,000 value award. The Fourth Circuit later denied Violet Dock's request for rehearing.

Violet Dock sought writs from the Louisiana Supreme Court, which were granted. Again Violet Dock challenged the public purpose of the taking and asks for its property to be restored and for an increase in the fair market value of the property. Oral arguments were scheduled before the Louisiana Supreme Court on October 16, 2017. On January 30, 2018, the Louisiana Supreme Court issued its Judgment affirming the public purpose of the taking. The Court remanded, however, the valuation determination to the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal to determine if the \$16,000,000 was correct in light of the trial court's legal error that he was bound to choose only one party's presentation of the valuation or if he could arrive at a different value. Violet Dock sought rehearing with the Louisiana Supreme Court on the public purpose ruling, but that request was denied.

A three-judge panel at the Fourth Circuit heard oral argument on April 30, 2018 solely on the question of the value of the Property with St. Bernard Port arguing that the value of the Property was no more than \$16,000,000. Violet Dock argued again that the value of the Property was at least \$28,000,000, but that it was still seeking higher amounts in the range of \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000. Following this argument, the parties were notified that the case was being sent to an *en banc*, five-judge panel for review. The parties again argued the merits of the valuation issue on June 14, 2018.

On September 12, 2018, the Fourth Circuit issued its opinion and increased the award to Violet Dock from \$16,000,000 to \$28,764,685 and also awarding attorneys' fees and costs. The Port filed an application for review with the Louisiana Supreme Court on October 12, 2018 arguing that the award was completely unsupported by the record evidence, was far too high for this property, and that the \$16,000,000 value should be reinstated. Violet Dock has also filed a

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writ application with the Supreme Court asking the court to increase the award from \$28,764,685 to \$41,000,000. In response to Violet Dock's request, the Port argued that the Court should grant both writs to address the jurisprudence on which the Fourth Circuit based its opinion. The Port's attorney could not determine the likely outcome of this matter.

Just before the *en banc* argument, Violet Dock filed an application for writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court. In its application, Violet Dock asks the United States Supreme Court to overturn the taking and return the Property to the company. On October 15, 2018, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision declining to review this matter.

A founder of Violet Dock asserted a claim for attorneys' fees and costs associated with a subpoena issued by St. Bernard Port during the valuation trial, seeking approximately \$350,000 from St. Bernard Port. As part of the attorneys' fee compromise referenced below, this claim was dismissed.

On February 11, 2019, the Louisiana Supreme Court denied both the Port's and Violet Dock's writ application and the \$28,764,685 just compensation award plus judicial interest and attorneys' fees became a final award. The total award owed by the St. Bernard Port under the judgment is:

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Additional just compensation for the property | \$ 12,764,685 |
| Judicial interest at 5% per annum | 6,403,326 |
| Attorneys' fees and costs | 3,392,079 |
| Judicial interest on attorney fees | 337,262 |
| Total claim | <u><u>\$ 22,897,352</u></u> |

The Port spent the summer months attempting to secure a Legislative appropriation to fund some portion of the judgment, but no funding was allocated during this Legislative session. Thereafter, on July 17, 2019, Violet Dock filed a motion in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, asking the federal court to enforce the state court judgment. The Port filed a motion to dismiss the federal court litigation and requiring Violet Dock to proceed with any collection action in state court. The Eastern District Court dismissed the suit for failure to state a claim.

Violet Dock sought review at the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, which heard oral arguments on September 2, 2020. Thereafter, the panel facilitated contact between the parties and the Fifth Circuit's mediation program to discuss resolution.

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Finally, following the District Court judgment, Mr. Ruppel, a founder of Violet Dock, asserted a claim for attorneys' fees and costs associated with a subpoena issued by St. Bernard Port during the valuation trial, seeking approximately \$350,000 from St. Bernard Port. As part of the attorneys' fee compromise referenced in footnote 3, Ruppel dismissed this attorneys' fees claim.

On December 29, 2020, the District entered into an amendment of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans (the Board) whereby the Board acquired the judgments owed by the District and acquired the property from the District in full payment and satisfaction of the judgments. The Board negotiated a resolution of litigation with Violet Dock for the close out and release of the judgments for the sum of \$21,000,000. The Board funded \$18,000,000 of the resolution amount and the District funded \$3,000,000 of the resolution amount. As a result, Violet Dock released all rights and claims against the District, released the judgments, released and settled all claims, and the District conveyed the Violet Dock property consisting of land, improvements, and other assets (net of accumulated depreciation), to the Board at a loss of \$17,565,070 as reflected in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position. On or before December 29, 2021, the Board was required to pay the District the sum of \$1,500,000 in consideration for the District's agreement not to develop the Violet Dock property as a container terminal or otherwise compete in any international container vessel-related activities for a period of eight years. This sum was paid in full.

Commencing on the Amendment Effective Date and continuing until December 29, 2022 (the "Second Closing Deadline," and the period between the Amendment Effective Date and the Second Closing Deadline is the "Feasibility Period"), the Board will undertake such due diligence and title investigations, determination of governmental approvals, and analyses of impact strategies (community, commercial, rail, navigation, and road) as it considers in its good-faith judgment are necessary or appropriate to determine the feasibility of and otherwise relating to the Project. The Board's diligence during the Feasibility Period will include its diligence on the Non-VDP Property, including its obtaining acceptable title, soil, environmental, wetlands, physical inspection, and property condition reports and studies and other due diligence by the Board during the Feasibility Period. The District will reasonably cooperate in good faith with the Board during the Feasibility Period. If the Board elects to develop the Project, then it will so notify the District on or before November 1, 2022, and it will satisfy its obligations set out below.

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The Board represents and warrants that it must acquire the Non-VDP Property to develop the Project, and it has agreed both to make certain payments to the District and to acquire the Non-VDP Property if it intends to move forward with the Project. Consequently, as part of the First Closing on the Amendment Effective Date, the District and the Board will execute the Non-VDP Property and Payment Agreement in the form that has been approved by the Parties (when executed, the "Non-VDP Property and Payment Agreement") in which the Board agrees that if it intends to move forward with the Project, then on or before the Second Closing Deadline, it will purchase the Non-VDP Property and pay the District the sum of \$8,000,000, in consideration for this agreement to sell by the District, the District's sale to the Board of the Non-VDP Property, the District's resulting need to construct additional facilities to replace the berths and facilities at the VDP Property and the Non-VDP Property, the cancellation of the District's Repurchase Option (as defined below), the District's agreement to cooperate reasonably and in good faith with the Board, the District's agreement not to compete, and the District's reasonable assistance with the Parish and the community (this sum of \$8,000,000 is the "Non-VDP Property and Development Payment"), the District agrees to sell the Non-VDP Property to the Board upon the Board's payment of the Non-VDP Property and Development Payment and otherwise on the terms set out for the Second Closing in the Non-VDP Property and Payment Agreement.

Simultaneously, on the amendment effective date, the Board and the District will execute a new lease in the form that has been approved by both Parties (when executed, the "New Lease") pursuant to which the Board will lease to the District Berth 1 and Berth 2 of the VPD Property as shown on Exhibit "C" to the New Lease, together with, if the Second Closing occurs, the Violet Buoys (as defined in the New Lease) (collectively, the "Leased Premises") for a five-year term commencing on the Amendment Effective Date, for an annual rental of \$540,000.00 per year commencing on the Amendment Effective Date (but subject to the provisions below), under which the District will have the right to sublease its rights and obligations in order to allow AT to continue operations of the Leased Premises, and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in the New Lease, and a Notice of Lease with respect to the New Lease in the form that has been approved by both Parties (when executed, the "Notice of New Lease"); and

The District and AT will execute a Ninth Amendment to Amended, Restated, and Superseding Lease in the form that has been approved by both Parties (when executed, the "AT Sublease") pursuant to which the District and AT will amend the Base Master Lease (as defined in the AT Sublease) first to terminate the Base Master Lease with respect to all parts of the VDP Property, then to sublease the Leased Premises to AT for a five-year term, in other aspects consistent with the terms and conditions of the New Lease, and on the terms set out in the Ninth Amendment.

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Notwithstanding the District's obligation to pay the rent set out in the New Lease, and as more fully set out in the New Lease, the rent will be abated during the Feasibility Period (this abated rent in the amount of \$1,080,000 is the "Deferred Rent"), and if the Board intends to move forward with the development of the Project at the VDP Property or otherwise acquires the Non-VDP Property (and provided that the Non-VDP Property and Payment Agreement has not been terminated by reason of the District's default), then the Deferred Rent and the rent for the remaining three (3) years of the term of the New Lease, from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, shall be abated and shall not be payable as further consideration for the District's obligations as set forth in the Second Amendment. As a result of this transaction, \$810,000 of deferred rent payable is recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

However, if the Board does not intend to move forward with the development of the Project or does not acquire the Non-VDP Property (other than by reason of the District's default), then the rent payable under the New Lease will be payable in accordance with the New Lease commencing January 1, 2023, and that rent shall be paid by the District to the Board monthly on the first day of each month until the expiration or sooner termination of the New Lease. In addition, on the expiration or sooner termination of the New Lease, including a termination by the Board by reason of a District default that continues beyond the notice and cure period provided in the New Lease but not including a termination by reason of the Board's default, the Deferred Rent shall be paid by the District to the Board on such expiration or sooner termination date.

In the Second Amendment, the Board grants, and in the New Lease, the Board will grant, the District the option to repurchase the VDP Property if the Second Closing does not occur by the Second Closing Deadline other than by reason of the District's default that continues beyond the applicable notice and cure periods (this option is the "VDP Repurchase Option"). For the avoidance of doubt, the VDP Repurchase Option is one right, not two, notwithstanding being set forth in multiple documents. The VDP Repurchase Option is on the following terms:

The VDP Repurchase Option is for a term commencing on the Second Closing Deadline (if the Second Closing does not occur on or before that date) and ending on December 29, 2024, provided, however, that in order for the District to exercise the VDP Repurchase Option it must give the Board written notice of that election on or before December 29, 2023 (being the third anniversary of the Amendment Effective Date). The VDP Repurchase Option is for a purchase price equal to \$20,580,000, being the sum of \$19,500,000 plus the total amount of the Deferred Rent of \$1,080,000 (the "Repurchase Price").

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To exercise the VDP Repurchase Option, the District must give the Board written notice received by the Board by no later than December 29, 2023 (the "Option Exercise Notice"), and if the District gives the Board the Option Exercise Notice, then the closing of the District's repurchase of the VDP Property (the "Repurchase Closing") will be held on the day that is mutually agreed by the Parties but in no event later than December 29, 2024. If the New Lease expires or otherwise terminates before the Repurchase Closing other than by reason of the Board's default, then even if the District has given an Option Exercise Notice, the District will have no further right or option to purchase or repurchase the VDP Property. If the District fails to provide the Option Exercise Notice on or before December 29, 2023, then the District will have no further rights in relation to the VDP Repurchase Option.

If the District timely and properly elects to exercise the VDP Repurchase Option, then at the Repurchase Closing, the following will occur simultaneously: (i) the District will pay the Repurchase Price, and (ii) each Party shall execute and deliver the act of sale (containing the same warranty waivers set out in the Dation), the inchoate lien affidavit and gap indemnity approved by the title company, and the closing statement, each consistent with this Section V.B.4 and the New Lease. The act of sale shall be at the District's expense and the District shall pay the cost of recording the act of sale, the costs of title insurance and survey, if any, and all other closing costs, and each Party shall pay its own attorneys' fees.

If the Repurchase Closing occurs, the District will not operate international container vessel-related activities at the VDP Property for a term of eight years commencing on the Repurchase Closing, and at the Repurchase Closing the District will confirm this obligation in writing in the recorded act of sale.

In December 2021, a group of plaintiffs in St. Bernard Parish filed suit against the District and the Port of New Orleans seeking to enjoin and unwind the settlement and resolution of the underlying expropriation litigation. The District and the Port filed exceptions to the claims seeking to dismiss the litigation in its entirety. Thereafter, every judge in St. Bernard Parish, 34th JDC, recused themselves from hearing the case for various reasons. For this reason, the Louisiana Supreme Court appointed an ad hoc judge to hear the case and the exceptions were set for hearing in August 2022. Before the hearing, in July 2022, the ad hoc judge called a status conference to disclose a possible conflict of interest. At that time, the plaintiffs' counsel objected to the ad hoc judge hearing the case. In August 2022, plaintiffs filed a supplemental and amended petition for damages, mainly to demonstrate standing of certain plaintiffs. On September 30, 2022, the District filed exceptions to the petition, again asking the court to dismiss the claims entirely. To the parties' knowledge, no new ad hoc judge has been appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court and it is unclear how the case will proceed.

During the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, the District incurred \$46,042 and \$154,990 of legal expenses related to the expropriation, respectively.

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13. USE OF ESTIMATES:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

14. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS:

The GASB has issued Statement No. 94, "Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements." The primary objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The Authority plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 95, "Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." The primary objective of this Statement is to provide temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The requirements of this Statement are effective immediately.

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 29, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE
NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE EIGHT YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| <u>Fiscal Year*</u> | <u>District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</u> | <u>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</u> | <u>District's Covered Payroll</u> | <u>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a % of of Covered Payroll</u> | <u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pension Liability</u> |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| <u>LASERS:</u> | | | | | |
| 2022 | 0.0678% | \$ 3,730,870 | \$ 1,376,498 | 271.04% | 72.80% |
| 2021 | 0.0643% | 5,317,791 | 1,299,429 | 409.24% | 58.00% |
| 2020 | 0.0651% | 4,712,671 | 1,238,026 | 380.66% | 62.90% |
| 2019 | 0.0612% | 4,174,477 | 1,167,014 | 357.71% | 64.30% |
| 2018 | 0.0586% | 4,122,854 | 1,114,374 | 369.97% | 62.50% |
| 2017 | 0.0561% | 4,408,266 | 1,045,284 | 421.73% | 57.70% |
| 2016 | 0.0527% | 3,587,932 | 994,779 | 360.68% | 62.70% |
| 2015 | 0.0527% | 3,295,649 | 1,162,778 | 283.43% | 65.00% |
| <u>TRSL:</u> | | | | | |
| 2022 | 0.0000% | - | - | - | - |
| 2021 | 0.0000% | - | - | - | - |
| 2020 | 0.0000% | - | - | - | - |
| 2019 | 0.0000% | - | - | - | - |
| 2018 | 0.0000% | - | - | - | - |
| 2017 | 0.0061% | 716,191 | 261,032 | 274.37% | 59.90% |
| 2016 | 0.0060% | 642,556 | 253,429 | 253.54% | 62.50% |

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year.

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SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE EIGHT YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Contractually Required Contribution</u> | <u>Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution</u> | <u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u> | <u>Employer's Covered Payroll</u> | <u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u> |
|--------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| <u>LASERS:</u> | | | | | |
| 2022 | \$ 511,097 | \$ 511,097 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,293,917 | 39.50% |
| 2021 | 551,975 | 551,975 | - | 1,376,498 | 40.10% |
| 2020 | 528,868 | 528,868 | (0) | 1,299,429 | 40.70% |
| 2019 | 469,212 | 469,212 | (0) | 1,238,026 | 37.90% |
| 2018 | 442,298 | 448,925 | (6,627) | 1,167,014 | 38.47% |
| 2017 | 398,946 | 405,704 | (6,758) | 1,114,374 | 36.41% |
| 2016 | 388,846 | 392,020 | (3,174) | 1,045,284 | 37.50% |
| 2015 | 368,068 | 368,068 | - | 994,779 | 37.00% |
| <u>TRSL:</u> | | | | | |
| 2022 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2021 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2020 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2019 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2018 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2017 | 68,560 | 68,560 | - | 268,863 | 25.50% |
| 2016 | 68,651 | 68,651 | - | 261,032 | 26.30% |

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

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ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY
FOR THE FIVE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| <u>Fiscal Year*</u> | <u>District's Beginning Total OPEB Liability</u> | <u>Service Costs</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience</u> | <u>Changes in Assumptions</u> | <u>Contributions</u> | <u>District's Ending Total OPEB Liability</u> |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 2022 | \$ 2,832,060 | \$ 92,384 | \$ 77,019 | \$ 84,365 | \$ 313,569 | \$ (58,387) | \$ 3,341,010 |
| 2021 | 2,615,231 | 89,350 | 74,587 | 94,518 | 21,264 | (62,890) | 2,832,060 |
| 2020 | 2,793,865 | 121,873 | 85,962 | 71,858 | (395,650) | (62,677) | 2,615,231 |
| 2019 | 2,447,902 | 117,616 | 79,541 | 310,994 | (113,244) | (48,944) | 2,793,865 |
| 2018 | 2,485,894 | 127,360 | 70,160 | - | (186,568) | (48,944) | 2,447,902 |

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* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year.

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ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE FIVE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Actuarially Estimated Contributions</u> | <u>District's Actual Contributions</u> | <u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u> | <u>Covered Employee Payroll</u> | <u>Contributions as a Percentage Of Covered Employee Payroll</u> | <u>Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll</u> |
|------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| 2022 | \$ 57,133 | \$ 56,800 | 333 | \$ 1,293,917 | 4.39% | 258.21% |
| 2021 | 61,197 | 57,168 | 4,029 | 1,376,498 | 4.15% | 205.74% |
| 2020 | 61,283 | 61,197 | 86 | 1,299,429 | 4.71% | 201.26% |
| 2019 | 53,029 | 61,283 | (8,254) | 1,238,026 | 4.95% | 225.67% |
| 2018 | 48,944 | 53,029 | (4,085) | 1,167,014 | 4.54% | 209.76% |

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

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ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

1. SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY:

This schedule reflects the participation of the District's employees in Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, and its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll, and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability. The employers' net pension liability is the liability of the District's employees for benefits provided through Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. Covered payroll is the payroll of all employees that are provided with benefits through the plan. The amounts in the schedule for each fiscal year were determined as the prior fiscal year ended.

2. SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS:

The difference between actuarially determined employer contributions and employer contributions received, and the percentage of employer contributions received to covered payroll, is presented in this schedule. The amounts presented in the schedule were determined as of the end of each fiscal year.

3. SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY:

This schedule reflects the participation of the District's employees in the State of Louisiana Postemployment Benefits Plan and changes in the total other postemployment liability.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

4. CHANGES OF BENEFIT TERMS:

During the reporting period 2017, a 1.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was granted by LASERS and TRSL. There were no changes in benefit terms for any of the remaining years presented.

5. CHANGES IN ASSUMPTIONS:

Pension Plan:

Amounts reported in the actuary valuations dated June 30, 2018 and 2017 for LASERS reflect an adjustment in the discount rate, inflation rate, and salary increases used to value the projected benefit payments attributed to past periods of service. Other changes were as follows:

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(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

5. **CHANGES IN ASSUMPTIONS: (Continued)**

Pension Plan: (Continued)

| Valuation Date | June 30, 2021 | June 30, 2020 | June 30, 2019 | June 30, 2018 | June 30, 2017 | June 30, 2016 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Investment Rate of Return | 7.40% | 7.55% | 7.60% | 7.65% | 7.70% | 7.75% |
| Inflation Rate | 2.30% | 2.30% | 2.50% | 2.75% | 2.75% | 3.00% |
| Expected Remaining Service Lives | 2 years | 2 years | 2 Years | 3 Years | 3 Years | 3 Years |
| Salary Increases | 2.6% - 13.8% | 2.6% - 13.8% | 2.8% - 14.0% | 2.8% - 14.3% | 2.8% - 14.3% | 3.0% - 14.5% |
| Mortality Rate - Active & Retired Members | Mortality rates based on the RP-2014 mortality tables | Mortality rates based on the RP-2014 mortality tables | Mortality rates based on the RP-2014 mortality tables | Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 mortality tables | Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 mortality tables | Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 mortality tables |
| Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions | Projected on a 5 year (2014-2018) experience study | Projected on a 5 year (2014-2018) experience study | Projected on a 5 year (2014-2018) experience study | Projected on a 5 year (2009-2013) experience study | Projected on a 5 year (2009-2013) experience study | Projected on a 5 year (2009-2013) experience study |

OPEB Plan

For the July 1, 2021 valuation, the discount rate changed from 2.66% to 2.13%. Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2021 claims and enrollment for the prescription drug costs and retiree contributions were updated based on 2022 premiums. 2021 medical claims and enrollment experience were reviewed but not included in the projection of expected 2022 plan costs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the actuary does not believe this experience is reflective of what can be expected in future years. The salary scale assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

For the July 1, 2020 valuation, the discount rate changed from 2.79% to 2.66%. Baseline per capita costs (PCCs) were updated to reflect 2020 claims and enrollment for the prescription drug costs and retiree contributions were updated based on 2021 premiums. 2020 medical claims and enrollment experience were reviewed but not included in the projection of expected 2021 plan costs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the actuary does not believe this experience is reflective of what can be expected in future years. The salary scale assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

For the July 1, 2019 valuation, the discount rate was adjusted to 2.79%. Additionally, per capita costs and premiums were updated, certain demographic assumptions were revised, high cost excise tax was removed, and life insurance contributions were adjusted.

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(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

5. CHANGES IN ASSUMPTIONS: (Continued)

For the July 1, 2018 valuation, the discount rate has decreased from 3.13% to 2.98%. Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2018 claims and enrollment and retiree contributions were updated based on 2019 premiums. The impact of the High Cost Excise Tax was revisited, reflecting updated plan premiums. Demographic assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Police Retirement System, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to reflect recent experience studies. The mortality assumption for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System was updated from the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant and Employee tables for males and females with generational projections using projection scale MP-2017 to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant and Employee tables for males and females using projection scale MP-2018.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULES OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

Executive Director: Drew Heaphy

| <u>Purpose</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Salary | \$ 222,696 | \$ 214,131 |
| Benefit - insurance | 20,928 | 20,009 |
| Benefits - retirement (LASERS) | 23,341 | 85,867 |
| Benefits - retirement (State Deferred Compensation Plan) | 14,148 | 17,148 |
| Vehicle provided by government | 10,248 | 10,248 |
| Per diem | 702 | 195 |
| Reimbursements | 4,206 | 2,902 |
| Travel | 7,295 | 1,420 |
| Membership dues | 1,695 | 25 |
| Registration fees | <u>4,000</u> | <u>2,393</u> |
| Total | <u><u>\$ 309,259</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 354,338</u></u> |

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Board of Commissioners
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
Chalmette, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

To the Board of Commissioners
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
Chalmette, Louisiana

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

December 29, 2022
New Orleans, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Board of Commissioners
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
Chalmette, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Program

We have audited the St. Bernard Port, Harbor, and Terminal District's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied in all material respects, with the type of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.



To the Board of Commissioners
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
Chalmette, Louisiana

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

To the Board of Commissioners
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
Chalmette, Louisiana

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

December 29, 2022
New Orleans, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| <u>Federal Grantor/Program Title</u> | <u>AL Number</u> | <u>Grant Number</u> | <u>Federal Expenditures</u> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>Department of Homeland Security</u> | | | |
| Passed Through the State of Louisiana: | | | |
| Public Assistance Grant | 97.036 | unknown | \$ 474,222 |
| Passed Through the State of Louisiana: | | | |
| National Infrastructure Investments | 20.933 | unknown | <u>4,862,988</u> |
| Total Department of Homeland Security | | | <u>5,337,210</u> |
| Total Federal Assistance Expended | | | \$ <u><u>5,337,210</u></u> |

The accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are an integral part of this schedule.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

2. ACCRUED AND DEFERRED REIMBURSEMENT

Various reimbursement procedures are used for federal awards received by the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District. Consequently, timing differences between expenditures and program reimbursements can exist at the beginning and the end of the year.

3. PAYMENTS TO SUBRECIPIENTS

There were no payments to sub-recipients for the year ended June 30, 2022.

4. DE MINIMIS COST RATE

The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District elected to not use the 10% De Minimis indirect cost rate.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The independent auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District.
2. No control deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the *Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards*.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements were disclosed during the audit.
4. No control deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the *Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Award Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance*.
5. The auditors' report on compliance with requirements applicable to major federal award programs for the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District expresses an unmodified opinion.
6. The auditors' report disclosed no findings that were required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
7. A management letter was not issued for the year ended June 30, 2022.
8. The programs tested as major programs were:

| | <u>AL#</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| National Infrastructure Investments | 20.933 |
9. The threshold for distinguishing between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000.
10. St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District qualified as a low-risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Not applicable.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM

Not applicable.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

**I. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Not applicable.

**II. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE
FEDERAL AWARDS**

Not applicable.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 2022



ERICKSEN KRENTEL LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS • CONSULTANTS

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors and Management
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
Chalmette, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the year ended June 30, 2022. The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the AUPs.

The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the District) has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the year ended June 30, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are attached in Schedule "1."

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUP's, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

December 29, 2022
New Orleans, Louisiana


Certified Public Accountants

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. **Procedures:** Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget
 - b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
 - e) ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
 - f) ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - g) ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
 - h) ***Travel and expense reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - i) ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

- j) ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) ***Sexual Harassment***, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Results: The District's written policies and procedures address the functions of budgeting, purchasing, disbursements, receipts/collections, payroll/personnel, contracting, credit cards, travel and expense reimbursement, ethics, debt service, information technology disaster recovery/business continuity, and sexual harassment.

BOARD OR FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 2. **Procedures:** Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.
 - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Results: The board met with a quorum in accordance with the board's bylaws. The minutes included budget-to-actual comparisons.

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)
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BANK RECONCILIATIONS

3. **Procedures:** Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Results: Bank reconciliations included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date and included evidence that a member of management who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation. The District did not have any reconciling items over 12 months from the statement closing date.

COLLECTIONS (EXCLUDING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS)

4. **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
5. **Procedures:** For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

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- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Results: The District has separate employees for collecting cash and reconciling collection documentation. The employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger. The employee responsible for reconciling collections is not responsible for collecting cash.

- 6. **Procedure:** Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

Results: The District maintains an insurance policy that covers employee theft.

- 7. **Procedures:** Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Results: The related collection documentation was traced to deposit slips. The deposit slip total agrees to the actual deposit per the bank statement. Regular periodic deposits were made after collection. The actual deposit per the bank statement agreed to the general ledger.

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**NON-PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD PURCHASES/PAYMENTS,
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS, AND PETTY CASH PURCHASES)**

8. **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
9. **Procedures:** For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

Results: At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, placing an order/making the purchase, and processing and approving payments to vendors. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files unless another official is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files. Either the employee responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to another employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

10. **Procedures:** For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

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Results: The 5 disbursements matched the related original invoice/billing statement. The disbursement documentation included evidence of segregation of duties.

CREDIT CARDS/DEBIT CARDS/FUEL CARDS/P-CARDS

11. **Procedures:** Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
12. **Procedures:** Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Results: The monthly statements selected contained supporting documentation that was review and approved by someone other than the authorized card holder. No finance charges or late fees were assessed on the selected statements.

13. **Procedures:** Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Results: For each transaction, there was an original itemized receipt that identified what was purchased, written documentation of the business/public purpose, and documentation of the individuals participating in meals.

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TRAVEL AND TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD TRANSACTIONS)

14. **Procedures:** Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Results: The 5 reimbursements selected agreed to the reimbursement rate established by the State of Louisiana in PPM49 or original itemized receipt that identifies what was purchased for actual costs. Each reimbursement was supported by documentation of the business/public purpose and was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

CONTRACTS

15. **Procedures:** Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

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- c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g. if approval is required for any amendment was approval documented).
- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Results: For the 5 contracts selected, the contracts were bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law, were approved by the governing board, amendments were provided for in contract terms and were made in compliance with the contract terms. Payments selected for each of the 5 contracts agreed to the contract terms, invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL

- 16. **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 17. **Procedures:** Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

Results: All employees selected documented their daily attendance and leave; supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees and all leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the District's cumulative leave records.

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18. **Procedures:** Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

Results: Termination payments agreed to the hours in the employees' cumulative leave records and agreed to the authorized pay rates in the employees' personnel files as well as entity policy.

19. **Procedure:** Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g. payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Results: Employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines

ETHICS

20. **Procedures:** Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above: obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
- a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - b) Observe that the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Results: The documentation demonstrates that each employee has completed one hour of ethics training and there were no changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

DEBT SERVICE

21. **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.

Results: State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.

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22. **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Results: For the one bond selected, reserve balances and payments agreed to those required.

FRAUD NOTICE

23. **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the District attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

Results: There were no misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal year.

24. **Procedure:** Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Results: The District has posted the required notice on its premises and website.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DISASTER RECOVERY/BUSINESS CONTINUITY

25. **Procedures:** Perform the following procedures:

- a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
- b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

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- c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use, and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

Results: We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- 26. **Procedures:** Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

Results: We performed the procedures and the 5 randomly selected employees completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

- 27. **Procedure:** Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

Results: The District has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website.

- 28. **Procedure:** Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Results: The District has completed its sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period dated before February 1 and it includes all applicable requirements.